

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman David E. Wojnar, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., & Garry L. Rawcliffe - Meeting Minutes Approved September 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Sessions, October 7, 2015 Regular and Executive Session

**MEETING MAIL**

LETTER FROM DANA SARGENT REGARDING EVERSOURCE LNG TANKS-Mr. Sargent sites studies done in other areas that house LNG tanks including an accident that happened in 1944. Mr. Sargent asks the Selectmen to do their due diligence on this project and find out all of the information that they can before potentially putting our community in danger. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to place on file and forward Mr. Sargent's letter to Eversource, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHEDULE JOINT MEETING- received correspondence from the Acushnet School Committee regarding scheduling a joint meeting with the Selectmen to appoint a member to fill the vacancy left after Mr. Kuthan resigned. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to schedule the meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and accept letters of interest until November 24<sup>th</sup>, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER-received correspondence from a resident regarding the great work Rebekah Tomlinson did after a resident's dog attacked him. Rebekah was understanding and very sympathetic and let the resident know that she could be called anytime day or night if they needed her. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to place the letter on file and in Rebekah's personnel file, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

LETTER FROM PARK COMMISSIONER-received correspondence from the Park Commissioners regarding utilizing the two former Old Colony Students the Town hired to do work at the park fixing a storage building and dug-outs. There are numerous other projects these gentleman are working on, we need to put together a priority list of projects to go by. File

REQUEST TO BE APPOINTED TO HISTORICAL COMMISSION-received correspondence regarding a resident being appointed to the Historical Commission. Mr. Dunstan Whitlock gives notice that he was formerly on the Acushnet Housing Partnership Committee. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

**APPOINTMENTS**

VERIZON POLE HEARING-received correspondence from Verizon regarding placing two new poles on Wing Lane Southerly from Pageotte Street. These pole placements are a part of the reconditioning of the pole line needed to accommodate a new solar farm. There were no abutters attending the meeting. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve the new poles, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

BUZZARDS BAY COALITION-received correspondence regarding the grand opening of the sawmill. Friday, November 6, 2015 at 2 p.m. The sawmill sits at the edge of New Bedford's urban north end along the banks of the Acushnet River. The students from Old Colony, and Voke did all the work inside the building. The 19 acre property has been transformed into a public park that protects the river's health and provides local residents with a beautiful place to explore the outdoors. File

## **OLD BUSINESS**

ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT-This Engineering Services Agreement between Woodard & Curran and the Town of Acushnet is for the Engineer to provide professional engineering services relative to conducting infiltration & inflow evaluation program within the Town's sewer system. We just received a marked up copy from counsel Alan spoke with Woodard & Curran and they are willing to make the changes recommended by counsel. Selectmen Gaspar motioned to approve upon the language changes, Selectmen Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

EVERSOURCE UPDATE-Dennis Galvam is here to communicate and will respond to Mr. Sargents letter. Right now Eversource is looking to pre-file what this does is open up the FERC process. Selectmen Wojnar mentions that Mr. Galvam should be reaching out to all boards and Town Officials to keep them up to date on all that is going on. This will keep the openness and keep the community aware. The Town has had counsel draft up their assessments of the process and after the holidays we should have Attorney Eichman in to a meeting to go over his assessment. File

EVERGREEN DRIVE-the development has not been accepted as a Town Road and has no plowing or garbage services. The contractor defaulted and the Treasurer is looking into the matter of who has the legal rights to release the funds to. Selectman Rawcliffe asks if the lot can be sold to pay off fixing the road. Counsel will be looking into the matter to proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CONSERVATION CLERK -received correspondence from the Conservation Agent regarding the open position in her office. Things are getting busier and our meetings are getting longer and the paperwork that follows a meeting can be problematic because Karen is very busy in the Collector's Office. I feel it's time to fill the 19 hour/week position. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to fill the position, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER-received an invoice from HUB International regarding the Union Fire Insurance group accident coverage. The appropriation is set at \$26,000 and the insurance went up an additional \$680.00. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve and send to the Finance Committee, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

61 SOUTH MAIN STREET-received correspondence from Designer Home Properties is rehabbing the home and it is in need of a new septic system. There is not enough space between the home and the garage for us to get the septic tank in the yard. We are requesting to access the yard through the Senior Center yard. The Building Inspector has mapped it out and it is feasible

with-out taking down and walls or trees. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

TV RECYCLING UPDATE-the dates have been confirmed with Howland Disposal for the tv recycling. The date for the first drop-off will be November 21, 2015. Each resident will be able to drop off 1 tv or 1 monitor. We will send out a reverse 911 and advertise on the town sign and each resident will have to show proof of residency.

RECYCLING/TRUCK DRIVER OPEN POSITION-Selectman Gaspar motioned to advertise the position in-house and if we don't have any applicants we can look at a few old applications that were previously sent in, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

SEWER PRIVELEGE FEE-the Town of Acushnet in 2006 ordered assessments on various parcels which were adjudged to benefit from the laying of the sewer lines. 10 Nye's Lane will be tying into the sewer line and the assessment amount is \$14,011.57. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

### **WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Selectman Gaspar asked Mr. Westgate to put together an analysis of this quarter, he would like to know what we paid. Mr. Westgate needs more time to put everything together. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to table, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

ENERGY AGGREGATION-the bid for power covering all communities is expected to go out today, with the bid opening scheduled for Nov. 10 at the Holiday Inn in Taunton. We will have a primary and alternative person authorized to sign the bid for our community and attend the bid opening.

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

FEMA- the Discovery process commences at the beginning of a Risk MAP project and assists in identifying the scope of the watershed study. The Discovery Meeting is part of the Discovery process and information exchanged between FEMA and communities within the Cape Cod watershed. File

NOBIS- on behalf of the Town of Freetown, Nobis Engineering has submitted a Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment Report for the above-referenced site. The former Freetown Screw disposal site, as defined in the Mass Contingency Plan. 2 County Road, a portion of undeveloped Lot 64, a portion of Lot 1 Acushnet and a portion of conservation land owned by Acushnet. File

THOMAS HILL RD.- the BOS approved the layout of Thomas Hill Road after receiving the Planning Board's report and approved an article to accept Thomas Hill Rd. as a public Way. Unfortunately Town Meeting did not accept Thomas Hill Rd. Therefore it will remain a private way. Since each homeowner owns to the center-line of the rd. they will need to form a

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homeowners association going forward. I am requesting release of the performance guarantee.  
File

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 5:20 P.M.

5:20 P.M. Chairman Wojnar asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Selectman Rawcliffe made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gaspar and all were in favor. Motion passes. Chairman Wojnar asked for a roll call vote.

Selectman Gaspar?- Yes

Selectman Rawcliffe?- Yes

Chairman Wojnar – and I am a yes. We are now in Executive Session.

Those present were: Chairman David E. Wojnar, Selectman Kevin Gaspar Sr., Selectman Garry L. Rawcliffe, Town Admin. Alan G. Coutinho

Discussion ensued

No votes were taken.

5:40 P.M. Chairman Wojnar made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Rawcliffe.

Chairman Wojnar asked for a roll call vote.

Selectman Gaspar?- Yes

Selectman Rawcliffe?- Yes

Chairman Wojnar- and I am a yes.

Adjourned Executive Session at 5:40 P.M.

  
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